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Mr. Vernon Keller
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Subject: Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ely Westside Rangeland Project, Lincoln, Nye, and White Pine Counties, Nevada (CEQ # 20130384)

Dear Mr. Keller:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the Draft Supplement to the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Ely Westside Project (Project) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.

The EPA reviewed the Draft EIS for the Project and provided comments to the Forest Service on August 11, 2011. We rated the preferred alternative and the document as Lack of Objections – Adequate (LO-1). We subsequently reviewed and provided comments for the Final EIS on November 15, 2011. The FEIS addressed the major issues pertaining to monitoring and enforcement that we identified in our review of the DEIS. Based on our review of the Draft Supplement, we have rated the preferred alternative and the document as LO-1 (see the enclosed “Summary of EPA Rating Definitions”). We appreciate the additional information included in the Draft Supplement, particularly the extra detail provided on the monitoring plan. We have no further comment on this proposed Project.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Draft Supplement, and are available to discuss our comments. When the Final Supplement is released, please send one CD copy to this office (specify Mail Code ENF-4-2). If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-972-3521, or contact Jason Gerdes, the lead reviewer for this project. Mr. Gerdes can be reached at 415-947-4221 or gerdes.jason@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

/s/

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Enclosure: Summary of EPA Rating Definitions